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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kanstrup et al.

Application No.: 10/621,302

Group Art Unit: 1624

Filed: July 17, 2003

Examiner: Berch, Mark L.

Confirmation No.: 2223

For: Heterocyclic Compounds That Are Inhibitors of the Enzyme DPP-IV

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed September 30, 2004, having a shortened period for reply of three (3) months, due to expire December 30, 2004, be extended for a period of three (3) months from December 30, 2004, to March 30, 2005, to permit timely filing of the Amendment/Response and Request for Continued Examination enclosed herewith.

In the event that an additional extension of time is required, Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the required fee, if applicable, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447.

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Please charge the required fee, estimated to be \$1020, with this petition and credit any overpayments to Novo Nordisk Inc., Deposit Account No. 14-1447. Please charge any additional fees, should they be required, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 24, 2005

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